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FM AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2763

INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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AMCONSUL ZANZIBAR

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SUBJECT: TANZANIA MOURNS DEATH OF MAO TSE-TUNG

REF: STATE 223128

1. TANZANIA DECLARED EIGHT DAYS OF MOURNING FOR MAO TSE-TUNG, AND TANZANIAN FLAGS WERE FLOWN AT HALF MAST. SOME DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (NOT INCLUDING US) FOLLOWED SUIT. PRESIDENT NYERERE SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK AND SENT A LONG AND FULSOME MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO PREMIER HUA KUO FENG.

2. UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ORGANIZED PROCESSION TO CHINESE EMBASSY SEPT 10, AND TANU YOUGH LEAGUE FOLLOWED WITH MUCH LARGER ONE ("ESTIMATED TO BE TWO MILE LONG" ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS) ON SEPT 18.

3. AMBASSADOR AND ACTING DCM SIGNED CONDOLENCE BOOK AND OFFERED CONDOLENCES TO AMBASSADOR LIU CHUN, ON SEPT 16. WE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE NOT RECIPIENT OF CHINESE CIRCULAR NOTE (WE NEVER ARE), BUT

BOOK WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED IN LOCAL PRESS. DURING MOURNING PERIOD, CHINESE AMBASSADOR AND HIS AIDES STOOD VIGIL OVER A ROOMFUL OF GREEN AND YELLOW WREATHS, WHILE FUNERAL CHINESE MUSIC WAS PLAYED IN BACKGROUND, IN WHAT ONE OBSERVER CALLED TYPICAL BUDDHIST FUNERAL LACKING ONLY STATUE OF BUDDHA.

4. PRESS HAS BEEN FILLED WITH EULOGIES OF MAO AND LAUDATORY FEATURE ARTICLES ON HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS. SPAIN

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